
SENATE BILL No. 7

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 5-2-1-2; IC 36-8-3.

Synopsis: Insurance coverage for police reserve officers. Requires every city, town, and county to provide life and disability insurance for the unit's police reserve officers. Requires (rather than allows) a police reserve officer to be covered by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law and the worker's occupational diseases law.

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January 7, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions and Labor.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning local government.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 5-2-1-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 2. For the purposes of this
3 chapter, and unless the context clearly denotes otherwise, the following
4 definitions apply throughout this chapter:

5 (1) "Law enforcement officer" shall mean an appointed officer or
6 employee hired by and on the payroll of the state or any of its
7 political subdivisions who is granted statutory authority to enforce
8 all or some of the penal laws of the state of Indiana and who
9 possesses, with respect to those laws, the power to effect arrests
10 for offenses committed in the officer's or employee's presence.
11 However, the following are hereby expressly excluded from the
12 term "law enforcement officer" for the purposes of this chapter:

13 (A) A constable.

14 (B) A special officer, including a special officer receiving only
15 token payment for services.

16 (C) A county police reserve officer who receives compensation
17 for lake patrol duties under ~~IC 36-8-3-20(f)(4)~~.



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1 **IC 36-8-3-20(f)(3).**

2 (D) A conservation reserve officer who receives compensation
3 for lake patrol duties under IC 14-9-8-27.

4 (2) "Board" shall mean the law enforcement training board
5 created by this chapter.

6 (3) "Advisory council" shall mean the law enforcement advisory
7 council created by this chapter.

8 SECTION 2. IC 36-8-3-20 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
9 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: Sec. 20. (a) This
10 section applies to counties and towns as well as cities.

11 (b) A unit may provide by ordinance for any number of police
12 reserve officers.

13 (c) Police reserve officers shall be appointed by the same authority
14 that appoints regular members of the department.

15 (d) Police reserve officers may be designated by another name
16 specified by ordinance.

17 (e) Police reserve officers may not be members of the regular police
18 department but have all of the same police powers as regular members,
19 except as limited by the rules of the department. Each department may
20 adopt rules to limit the authority of police reserve officers.

21 (f) To the extent that money is appropriated for a purpose listed in
22 this subsection, police reserve officers may receive any of the
23 following:

24 (1) A uniform allowance.

25 (2) Compensation for time lost from other employment because
26 of court appearances.

27 ~~(3) Insurance for life, accident, and sickness coverage.~~

28 ~~(4)~~ (3) In the case of county police reserve officers, compensation
29 for lake patrol duties that the county sheriff assigns and approves
30 for compensation.

31 (g) **A unit shall provide each police reserve officer with life and**
32 **disability insurance coverage meeting the requirements of section**
33 **22 of this chapter.**

34 (h) Police reserve officers are not eligible to participate in any
35 pension program provided for regular members of the department.

36 ~~(h)~~ (i) A police reserve officer may not be appointed until ~~he~~ **the**
37 **person** has completed the training and probationary period specified
38 by rules of the department.

39 ~~(i)~~ (j) A police reserve officer appointed by the department after
40 June 30, 1993, may not:

41 (1) make an arrest;

42 (2) conduct a search or a seizure of a person or property; or

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(3) carry a firearm;
 unless the police reserve officer successfully completes a pre-basic course under IC 5-2-1-9(f).

~~(j)~~ **(k)** A police reserve officer ~~may~~ **shall** be covered by the medical treatment and burial expense provisions of the worker's compensation law (IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6) and the worker's occupational diseases law (IC 22-3-7). If compensability of the injury is an issue, the administrative procedures of IC 22-3-2 through IC 22-3-6 and IC 22-3-7 shall be used to determine the issue.

~~(k)~~ **(l)** A police reserve officer carrying out lake patrol duties under this chapter is immune from liability under IC 34-30-12, notwithstanding the payment of compensation to the officer.

SECTION 3. IC 36-8-3-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2004]: **Sec. 22. (a) The insurance coverage provided to police reserve officers under section 20(g) of this chapter must provide for the following:**

(1) The payment of at least one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the beneficiary, beneficiaries, or estate of a police reserve officer if the officer dies from an injury occurring in the performance of the officer's duties as a police reserve officer.

(2) The payment of at least one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the police reserve officer if the officer becomes totally and permanently disabled for a continuous period of at least two hundred sixty (260) weeks as a result of an injury occurring in the performance of the officer's duties as a police reserve officer.

(3) Indemnification to a police reserve officer who becomes partially and permanently disabled or impaired as a result of an injury occurring in the performance of the officer's duties.

(4) The weekly payment of at least two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) for a maximum of two hundred sixty (260) weeks for total disability that results from an injury occurring in the performance of the officer's duties as a police reserve officer and that prevents the police reserve officer from pursuing the officer's usual vocation.

(b) For purposes of subsection (a)(3), the amount of indemnification required for partial and permanent disability or impairment shall be determined by applying a percentage factor relating to the extent of partial disability to the payment required by subsection (a)(2) for total and permanent disability.



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1 (c) A policy through which the coverage required by subsection
2 (a) is provided may provide for:

3 (1) the extension of benefits under subsection (a)(2) for the life
4 of a police reserve officer, with or without the benefits
5 described in subsection (a)(3); and

6 (2) the coordination of the officer's other benefits;
7 if a disability prevents the officer from performing any reasonable
8 employment.

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